

Table B - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CATEGORICAL WAIVERS
CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED BY NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER BOARD
RESOLUTION NOS. 87-113, 89-131 and 92-135

Current Waiver Category	Current Waiver Conditions	Preliminary Staff Recommendation	Proposed Waiver Conditions **
Air-conditioner, Non-contact Cooling and Elevated Temperature Water	Discharges to storm drains, to land or in small volumes which will not change temperature of receiving water, and no water quality problems are anticipated, and discharge rates are satisfactory	Eliminate storm water discharges from this category. Renew waiver category before 1-1-03 for discharges to land only. General Permit should be adopted for all discharges to surface waters.	Discharges to land only, where no water quality problems are anticipated and discharge rates are satisfactory.
Minor Dredging and Fill* Operations	When operation is short-term and spoil is non-toxic and discharge is to land.	Eliminate operations now covered by the 401-certification program. Eliminate operations governed by the Statewide General Permit for Wetland and Fill upon its adoption. Add condition prohibiting net loss of wetlands or beneficial uses. Add "Fill" to waiver category and conditions.	Discharges are short-term, do not result in net loss of wetlands or beneficial uses, spoil or fill is non-toxic and discharged to land, and operations are not governed by the 401-certification program or the Statewide General Permit for Wetland and Fill.
Confined Animal Wastes	Discharger complies with the California Administrative Code, Title 23, Chapter 3, Subchapter 15, and no NPDES permit is required by federal regulation.	The reference to the California Administrative Code has been changed. The change should be reflected in the updated conditions	Discharger complies with the California Code of Regulations, Title 27, Division 2, Subdivision 1, Chapter 7, Subchapter 2, Article 1. Confined animal waste operations requiring NPDES permits under federal Clean Water Act regulations must obtain such permits and are not eligible for waivers under this policy.

*Words in **bold** type have been added to original waiver category and waiver conditions.

Storm Water Runoff	No water quality problems are anticipated and no NPDES permit is required by federal regulation and, in the case of industrial plants, where there is no potential for contact with process wastes, raw materials, toxic, or hazardous wastes.	Some storm water runoff categories are now covered by statewide storm water regulations. Renew waiver category before 1-1-03 to address storm water runoff not governed by statewide regulations.	Storm water runoff is not governed by statewide regulations, no water quality problems are anticipated and no NPDES permit is required.
Short-term Sand and Gravel Operations and Processing	Operations wash waters are confined to land and stockpiles are protected from storm flows	Terminate all categorical waivers for Sand and Gravel Operations and Processing before 1-1-03 except those for non-commercial one-time projects where wash waters are confined to land and all stockpiles are protected from storm flows. Projects must comply with applicable local policies. Commercial operations are subject to General WDRs (under development) and/or storm water regulations. Change waiver category to "Non-commercial One-time Sand and Gravel Operations and Processing."	Operations wash waters are confined to land and stockpiles are protected from storm flows. Projects shall comply with applicable local policies. Commercial operations are subject to General WDRs and/or storm water regulations.

Swimming Pool Discharges	Where beneficial water uses will not be affected.	Renew categorical waiver before 1-1-03 for discharges to land only, where no water quality problems are anticipated. General permit (to be developed) will be used as appropriate.	Discharges to land only, where beneficial water uses will not be affected. General permit shall be used for other discharges as appropriate.
Food Processing Wastes Spread on Land	Small, seasonal, and confined to land, or operation/maintenance plan has been approved.	Renew categorical waiver before 1-1-03 for discharges to land, where no water quality problems are anticipated.	Small, seasonal, and confined to land where no water quality problems are anticipated.
Agricultural Commodity Wastes	Small, seasonal, and confined to land.	Renew categorical waiver before 1-1-03 for discharges to land only, where no water quality problems are anticipated.	Small, seasonal, and confined to land where no water quality problems are anticipated.
Industrial Wastes Utilized for Soil Amendments	Industry certifies non-toxic and non-hazardous content and BMPs for agricultural application are used, no water quality impacts are anticipated, and discharger complies with California Administrative Code, Title 23, Chapter 3, Subchapter 15.	Renew categorical waiver before 1-1-03 limiting discharge to inert wastes only. The reference to BMPs should be eliminated as the term is not definitive for this waste category. The reference to the California Administrative Code is outdated and should be changed to the California Code of Regulations, Title 27, Division 2, Subdivision 1.	Industry certifies inert, non-toxic and non-hazardous content, no water quality problems are anticipated, and discharger complies with California Code of Regulations, Title 27, Division 2, Subdivision 1.

Individual Sewage Disposal Systems and Small Community, Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial Operations Which Utilize On-site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal for Domestic Wastes.	Project has permit of a local agency and complies with the Basin Plan.	Renew the categorical waiver and current waiver conditions before 1-1-03 for individual sewage disposal systems and on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems pending the development of statewide regulations consistent with AB885.	Project has approval of local permitting agencies and complies with the Basin Plan, including the Basin Plan Policy on the Control of Water Quality with Respect to On-site Waste Treatment and Disposal Practices.
Flow-through Seawater Systems and Aquacultural Operations	No water quality problems are anticipated and no federal NPDES permit is required.	Renew the Categorical waiver for Flow-through Seawater Systems and Aquacultural Operations before 1-1-03 requiring compliance with the Basin Plan and prohibiting adverse water quality impacts resulting from the discharge of hormones, biocides and antibiotics.	Project complies with the Basin Plan, no water quality problems are anticipated (including any problems resulting from the discharge of hormones, bioicides and antibiotics) and no federal NPDES permit is required
Use of Reclaimed Wastewater for Soil Compaction or Dust Control, and other Construction Purposes	Use is limited to dry periods or short duration and applicable Department of Health Services guidelines are followed.	Renew categorical waiver before 1-1-03 for use of reclaimed wastewater for soil compaction or dust control, and other construction purposes provided that project complies with current waiver conditions and statewide reclamation requirements.	Use is limited to dry periods or short duration, complies with the Basin Plan, and complies with statewide reclamation requirements.

Lake or Reservoir Drainage Projects	Pollutants are not present, discharge rates are satisfactory, and sediment control measures are in place.	Renew categorical waiver for Lake or Reservoir Drainage Projects before 1-1-03, provided that discharge is to land and no water quality impacts are anticipated	Pollutants are not present, discharge is to land only and no water quality impacts are anticipated.
Low-volume, Noncontaminated Wastewaters Generated by the Installation and Purging of Monitoring Wells During Groundwater Contamination Investigations.	The discharger files a ROWD, which provides the technical information necessary to demonstrate that the discharge will not reach surface waters, will prevent environmental contamination and pollution or nuisance, and is contained to property controlled by the discharger.	Renew waiver category and current waiver conditions before 1-1-03 for Low-volume, Non-contaminated Wastewaters Generated by the Installation and Purging of Monitoring Wells During Groundwater Contamination Investigations.	The discharger files a ROWD which provides the technical information necessary to demonstrate that the discharge will not reach surface waters, will prevent environmental contamination and pollution or nuisance, and is contained on property controlled by the discharger.
Discharges Associated with the Incineration of Soils Contaminated with Petroleum Hydrocarbons	The discharger files a ROWD, which provides the technical information necessary to demonstrate that the discharge will not reach surface waters, will prevent further environmental contamination and pollution or nuisance, and is contained to property owned or controlled by the discharger.	Renew waiver category and current waiver conditions before 1-1-03 for Discharges Associated With the Incineration of Soils Contaminated With Petroleum Hydrocarbons.	The discharger files a ROWD which provides the technical information necessary to demonstrate that the discharge will not reach surface waters, will prevent further environmental contamination and pollution or nuisance, and is contained on property owned or controlled by the

** In addition to the proposed waiver conditions specific to each waiver category, the following general waiver conditions are proposed for all waiver categories. The discharger: (1) shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region; (2) shall not create a pollution, contamination, or nuisance, as defined by Section 13050 of the California Water Code; (3) shall not discharge any waste not specifically regulated by this waiver; (4) shall implement a monitoring and reporting program when directed to do so by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer; and, (5) shall allow Regional Water Board staff entry onto the affected property for the purpose of determining compliance with waiver conditions.